Production of chillies in the country

1367. DR. YELAMANCHILI SHIVA-JI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of chillies in the country;

(b) the details year-wise and Statewise for the last three years;

(c) what is the internal and external demand of chillies;

(d) what is the ruling price in various markets of the country; and

(e) what are the corresponding figures of last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) A statement giving production of chilMes-St ate-wise/All-India during 1989-80 to 1991-92 is attached (See below).

(c) As per the International Trade Centre, Geneva and other sources, capsicum and chillies are considered as single item and hence she export demand exclusively for chillies is not available. As regard internal demand. in general, the difference between the domestic production and export may be taken as internal consumption of chillies. However, this may also be governed by various factors such as the prevailing prices, changes in carry-over stock per capita income etc.

(d) and (e) The January 1993 month-end wholesale prices of chillies in the selected markets of India alongwith corresponding figures of last three years are given as below.

(Rs. per quintal)

Market	Variety	1993	1992	1991	1990
(i) Guntur	1st sort	2100	3300	1900	900
(ii) Cochin	Guntur	2200	4300	1900	1250
(iii) Madras	Ramnad	2500	3600	1050	1485
(iv) Bangalore	Dry/Superior	2200	2000	1050	1250

Statement

Production of Chillies State-wise IAll-India

(Production in '000' tonnes)

States	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Andhra Pradesh	400.6	346.6	260.4
Assam	7.5	7.7	7.6
Bihar	5.9	4.9	5.1
Gujarat	21.6	18.2	15.9
Haryana	5.0	4.5	4.2
Karnataka	36.6	36.7	35.1

States	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Madhya Pradesh	17.0	11.2	8.7
Maharashtra	66.0	67.5	67.5
Orissa	73.9	75.6	75.6
Punjab	7.8	7.1	4.2
Rajasthan	65.7	46.2	34.9
Tamil Nadu	27.7	30.1	32.0
Uttar Pradesh	18a8	16.0	15.2
West Bengal	36.5	37.3	39.9
Others	10.9	9.4	10.2
All-India	801.5	719.0	615.5

Working of National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land use planning

1368. SHRI SUSHIL, KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have re viewed the working and performance of the National Bureau of Soil Survey and land use planning;

(b) if so, the details regarding its major achievements during the past Ave years including those having a direct bearing on agriculture produc tion in general; and

(c) details concerning Maharashtra State in particular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OP AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Quinquennial Review Team set up by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has commended the work done by the Bureau in taking up the soil resource mapping of different Sates on 1:250,000 scale and of the country on 1:1 million scale. Soil resource maps of ten States have been prepared.

The Bureau has also prepared agro-ecological map of the country with 20 distinct regions. These dilineated regions are fairly homogenous land units which will be useful for scientific land use planning. From the soil resource map, thematic maps for specific soil parameters such as soil depth, texture salinity, available water holding capacity nutrient status can be generated for each State which will help in developing input management strategies for increasing agricultural production in normal soils and for taking up suitable reclamation measures in problem soils. The soil resource maps will also form a basis for extension workers to scientifically transfer technologies developed at Research Stations to similar soils occurring in the State. The bureau has undertaken an assessment of land degradation caused by soil erosion, waterlogging and soil salinity.

(c) The soil resource map of Maharashtra is ready along with thematic maps on soil depth, salinity and erosion hazard. The agro-ecological map covering Maharashtya has been finalised. Six district soil survey reports and 29 project area reports have been brought out. The district atlas of Nagpur with 31 themes has been pre-